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Concertgoers want penalties for scalpers 2.0

POLL

B.C. residents say they have great difficulty buying directly

Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

Almost nine in 10 Canadians want to see fines or jail time for people who use bots to buy up tickets and re-sell them at a higher price, according to an Insights West poll.

The upcoming Tragically Hip concert in Vancouver sold out within minutes of tickets going on sale, and one politician says that is just one example of an ongoing problem that needs to be solved.

B.C. NDP MLA for Vancouver West-End Spencer Chandra Herbert brought up the issue of scalping bots in 2009, but the bill was shot down by the provincial government.

The problem has been made worse in recent years due to scalping bots, Chandra Herbert pointed out.

"It has become so much more heated because you can use software technology, and these companies halfway around the globe are buying all the tickets."

The problem appears to be particularly bad in B.C. and Alberta. More than a third (35 per cent) of concertgoers in B.C. reported being unable to buy tickets through a primary ticket provider, like Ticketmaster, according to Insights West. The national average is 28 per cent.

"What happens here (in Vancouver) is we rarely get as many tour dates as what some groups do in Toronto," said Mario Canseco, vice-president of public affairs at Insights West.

Overall, Canadians feel so strongly about it that one third of respondents said they wanted to see a return to the old system of lining up outside the box office to buy tickets.

But B.C. concertgoers may have to tolerate scalping bots for a little while longer, said Chandra Herbert.

"It may require a change in government because they've steadfastly refused to take action on this issue despite the overwhelming support for government intervention here."

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UBC frat house racket irks locals — and there's no bylaw to stop it

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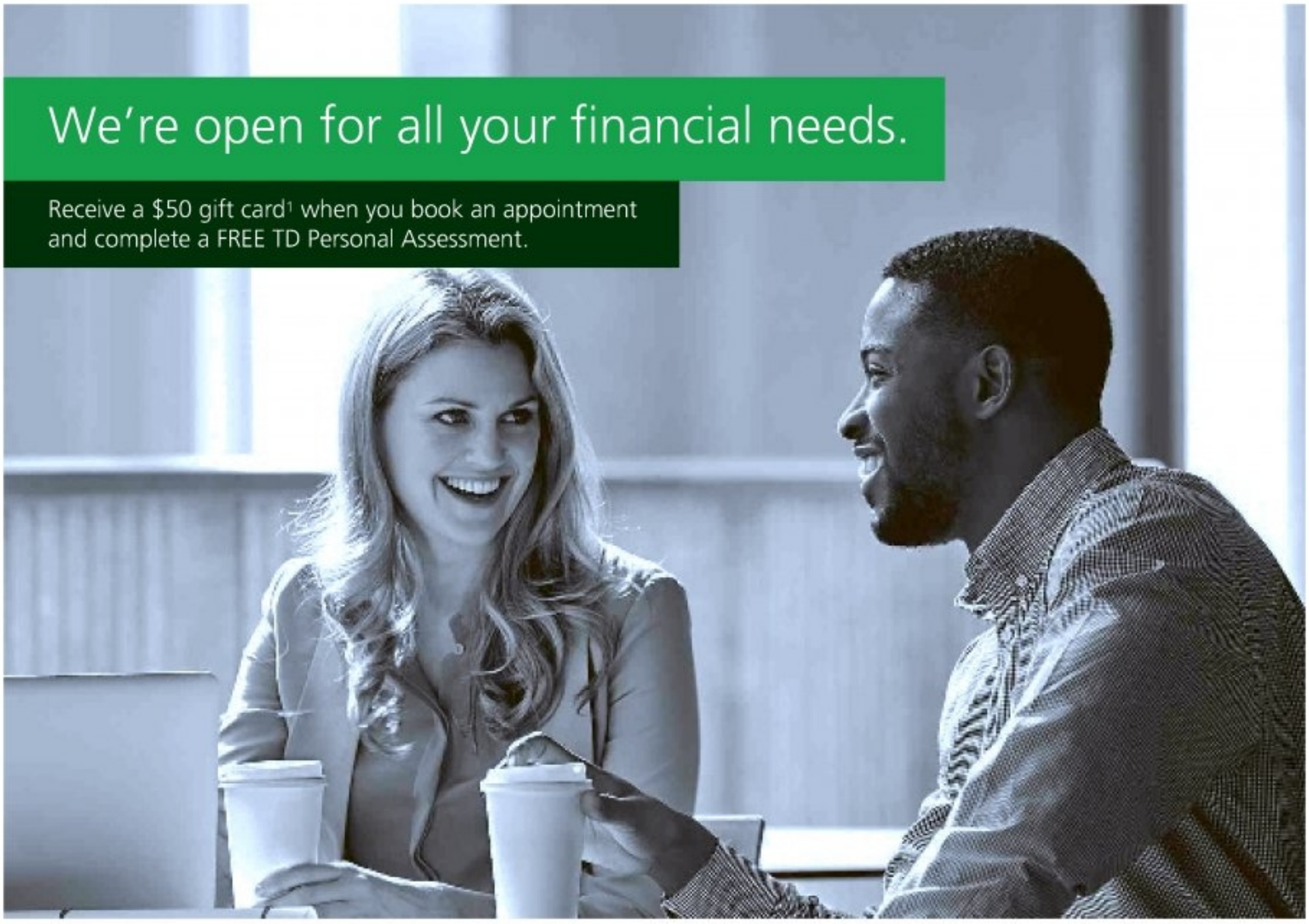
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Rise of the free-agent grocer

RETAIL

Owner says innovation suffers when less choice

It's one of Vancouver's worst-kept secrets.

Since 2012, diehard fans of U.S. grocery chain Trader Joe's have been able to get their hands on Speculoos Cookie Butter and Triple Ginger Snaps at a tiny storefront in Kitsilano.

The cheekily named Pirate Joe's, which first opened under the guise of a traditional Romanian bakery, has shelves and shelves of more than 1,000 Trader Joe's products and was the brainchild of owner and founder Mike Hallatt.

After being closed for four months, the store is set to reopen this week at a bigger location.

Hallatt says customers gravitate towards his business because of brand loyalty and a frustration with the choices and prices at his big-box grocery competitors.

"There are people who appreciate the selection that having Trader Joe's products in Vancouver gives them. Right now, with the consolidation of the grocery industry, you're just seeing the usual suspects more and more often," he said.

"The distributors are consolidating and you're just ending up with very few players. What happens is that innovation always, always, slacks off when you have consolidation like that because people are able to raise the prices and drop the selection."

Like many foodies, Hallatt was well aware that Trader Joe's had a cult following, with Canadians flocking to the U.S. on shopping trips and numerous websites dedicated to their favourite products.

In 2012, Hallatt began taking weekly trips to the nearest Trader Joe's in Bellingham, Wash., about 90 kilometres away and stuffed his Honda Element with groceries.

Pirate Joe's owner Mike Hallatt, who resells products from U.S. specialty store Trader Joe's, stands outside a new larger location where he's working to reopen. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The popularity of the store grew as word of mouth spread. Hallatt soon found himself making more frequent trips south of the border and even hiring local workers — mostly college students and retired grandmothers — to do his shopping.

Trader Joe's quickly learned about Pirate Joe's and hit back by launching legal action in the United States.

The U.S. Federal Court eventually sided with Hallatt, ruling that Trader Joe's could not prove that it was suffering economic hardship as a result of Pirate Joe's operations because the U.S. company doesn't have any locations in Canada. Trader Joe's has appealed.

Hallatt is banned at every Trader Joe's store in the U.S. but admits he still visits from time to time in disguise, sometimes donning glasses and a pinstriped suit.

Pirate Joe's now operates three vans and employs about half a dozen shoppers. It opened a warehouse in the U.S. to stockpile goods but that has since been shut down due to a declining Canadian dollar, Hallatt says.

He says customers who shop at Pirate Joe's can expect to pay a 30 per cent markup after the currency exchange. The most popular items it carries are frozen meals, coffee, wild rice and body care products like soaps and sunblock. THE CANADIAN PRESS

TRANSIT

TransLink to close all fare gates as Compass hits milestone

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

TransLink will close all remaining fare gates across Metro Vancouver's transit system next week after the Compass program hit the million-card milestone.

Although the transition to the electronic fare card system was completed earlier this year, all unattended accessible fare gates have been left open after some disabled riders were unable to tap through the gates on their own.

The transit authority has since promised to fix the oversight by installing new proximity-sensor gates by the end of next year.

In the meantime, TransLink announced Tuesday that all accessible fare gates will be closed starting Monday, signalling the completion of the region's move to a fully closed system.

The closures correspond with a major milestone for the $194-million Compass card program.

TransLink said there are now a million Compass cards in circulation, accounting for 94 per cent of all transit trips taken in the region.

Until the permanent fix is installed for passengers that need help getting through the accessible fare gates, TransLink says there will be a number of interim solutions in place.

Those solutions include calling station assistants to help, receiving a custom-made assistive device to aid passengers to tap at fare gates and the HandyCard program, which allows a passenger's attendant to travel for free.

"TransLink is committed to making the interim solutions successful for our customers who are unable to tap," said TransLink CEO Kevin Desmond in a statement. "We'll continue to work directly with these customers to ensure that our system remains one of the most accessible in the world."

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Lack of noise bylaw 'frustrating'

UNIVERSITY

RCMP say no 'enforceable' rules; frats vow to quiet down

David P. Ball
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Decrepit furniture sits in the courtyard between UBC fraternity houses. The Inter-Fraternity Council said it's working to dampen the decibels during the school year. COURTESY AARON GOODMAN

> "It's very enlightening and frustrating to see that nobody is taking responsibility or stepping up. My thought is, 'It's 3 a.m., who can I call?' Aaron Goodman

Daniel Kim wears earplugs to sleep at night. It's not even the booming bass-blasting sound system that bothers him, however, but the hordes of wandering drunks that wake him up.

"They come out here and they're all hammered and start yelling and screaming," the 23-year-old told Metro. "It's a constant party.... It's pretty wild."

Kim rents a suite next the University of British Columbia's so-called "Greek Village" — home to a host of fraternity and sorority houses.

"It's pretty bad," said the two-year resident of Wesbrook Properties' Greenwood Commons, a development managed by UBC Properties Trust.

"Oh God," another nearby tenant, who asked not to be named, said. "It's just pretty much every day. It goes all night.

"It'll be a Tuesday midweek. It's both music and yelling. I don't know what sort of sound system they have, but it reverberates all through here. I'll be out taking my dog for a pee and people will be running past me naked."

While most Lower Mainland municipalities have noise bylaws, "the challenge that we have is there are no noise bylaws on the University Endowment Lands or on the campus for that matter," explained Sgt. Drew Grainger, with the RCMP's UBC detachment. "There is no enforceable bylaw that the police can act on."

Officers work with the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) to address noise complaints, he said — complaints which come "once or twice a week." When complaints pile up, RCMP reports them to the university administration, which can levy penalties on fraternities. Last week, UBC issued "disciplinary notices" to two fraternities.

Brian Spencer, president of IFC, said he's spoken with house presidents to say, "Things need to quiet down a little bit … to be respectful of our neighbours." But part of the problem is that, come summer, the fraternities have to rent out rooms to pay their mortgages, often to young Irish travellers, he said.

"We don't condone all the loud noise, especially when it's particularly late," he said.

"Obviously parties are going to happen. (But) when the police department comes over and say, 'Listen guys, turn it down a little bit,' we always comply."

The lack of any bylaw simply doesn't make sense to Wesbrook Properties resident and journalism instructor Aaron Goodman. When he, his wife and child moved in three months ago, he tried to ignore the noise of crowds of drunks wandering home from the downtown bars after 3 a.m.

"I thought, 'This is just temporary; it's going to end,'" he recalled. "But it hasn't ended. It's been a chronic, serious noise violation that's kept me from sleeping going on three months, almost every other day. Closing his windows, wearing earplugs, running a white noise generator, and blasting a fan can't drown out the drunken hollering or music,"he said.

Sgt. Grainger said he understood neighbours' hopes for some sort of noise bylaw that officers could act on.

"That would certainly go a long way to help the residents," he said. "We would certainly work within the law to enforce those statutes."

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Car sharing reduces number of cars on road, study finds

TRANSPORTATION

Every car2go car replaces nine vehicles in Vancouver

Jen St. Denis
Metro | Vancouver

Car-sharing service car2go has replaced the equivalent of 8,200 cars in Vancouver and has even prompted some users to sell their cars, according to a study by University of California, Berkeley.

Researchers with the UC Berkeley's Transportation Sustainability Research Centre surveyed 9,500 car2go members in Vancouver, San Diego, Calgary, Seattle and Washington, D.C. They found that on average, each car2go car removed 11 cars from city streets and eliminated between 10-14 metric tonnes of greenhouse-gas emissions.

Car2go launched in Vancouver in 2011 and currently has the most members of any Canadian city: 118,000 Vancouver residents use it, compared to 50,000 in Toronto. JEN ST. DENIS/METRO

In Vancouver, an average of two cars per each car2go vehicle were sold and an average of seven were "suppressed," meaning people decided not to buy their own car.

Car2go, which is a subsidiary of automaker Daimler AG, launched in Vancouver in June 2011 and currently has the most members of any Canadian city: 118,000 Vancouver residents use the service, compared to 50,000 in Toronto.

"Having the City (of Vancouver) behind car2go that early gave us an advantage," said Chris Iuvancig, general manager for car2go in Vancouver.

"When we first launched they were very open to the idea. All the car sharing companies have residential parking access, which allows people to take cars and park them in residential areas."

In March of 2015 BCAA launched another one-way car sharing service called Evo in Vancouver, and car co-op Modo has existed since 1997. A new bike share service for Vancouver launches on Wednesday.

"I think the more options (residents) have to get around the city, the better. Car share's a huge part of it — we go along with transit and bike share," Iuvancig said.

Car2go provided the researchers with data for the study, which was also supported by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the City of Seattle and the San Diego Association of Governments.

COQUITLAM

E-smoking ban looms

Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

Coquitlam city staff is recommending councillors amend a smoking bylaw to ban e-cigarettes in the same way as tobacco to complement provincial laws on the sale and advertising of e-cigarettes that will come into effect in September.

The amended city bylaw will ban e-cigarettes "pretty well anywhere other than private homes and certain hotel rooms," said Stephanie James, acting director of bylaw enforcement for the City of Coquitlam.

That bylaw will go into effect in September, according to James.

Building owners will also be required to put up new no-smoking signs that depict both an e-cigarette as well as a cigarette as of January 2017.

The new provincial laws around the sale and marketing of e-cigarette products means they will be regulated in the same way as tobacco products — businesses cannot sell e-cigarettes to minors and retail displays cannot be targeted toward youth.

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Wynne to talk pot in Whitehorse

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Premier plans to ask for counterparts' thoughts

As Canada's provincial and territorial leaders gather for their annual summer conference, Premier Kathleen Wynne wants the inside dope from her colleagues about legalized recreational marijuana.

"I can tell you I'm going to ask people what they're thinking about it," Wynne said.

Her comments come as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government prepares to end the prohibition of marijuana.

Trudeau has appointed former deputy prime minister Anne McLellan to lead a task force of medical and legal experts to consult with provinces, municipalities, and Canadians before releasing a report in November that will serve as the template of next year's legislation.

While marijuana is not on the meeting's formal agenda, Wynne said there will be "opportunities for us in casual conversation."

"I'll certainly be saying, 'How are you guys dealing with this? You know what I'm saying; what are you saying?'"

Here's where some of her fellow premiers stand on the subject of marijuana:

BRITISH COLUMBIA Premier Christy Clark has expressed concern on the effects of weed on children and teenagers.

"We need to make sure that young people whose brains are growing, will not be allowed unfettered access to getting marijuana," Clark told Global News in December. "Just like we have with alcohol … (if) it's something that government is prepared to endorse and allow, we should make sure that the rules are very clear that we don't want young people to be using it," she said.

NOVA SCOTIA Premier Stephen McNeil's government has a working group examining the issue, including whether weed should be sold at government-owned Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation stores.

"Canadians are asking for it, Canadians believe it's time to have marijuana legalized," McNeil said in April, noting "I'm sure there will be tax revenue, yes."

QUEBEC Premier Philippe Couillard's government, which owns the Société des alcools du Québec monopoly, has said it does not want marijuana sold on SAQ shelves.

Finance Minister Carlos Leitao said in February that they have "no plan, no idea, no intention of commercializing" cannabis.

MANITOBA Premier Brian Pallister said in April that legalization is "a concern for parents, it's a concern for all … that this be done properly."

SASKATCHEWAN Premier Brad Wall's government, meanwhile, has three of his cabinet ministers studying how legalized weed will affect road safety.

"I don't think we have clear answers on the potential effects on driver safety and what the plan is to prevent impaired driving due to marijuana use," Wall said in May.

"There are still too many accidents and deaths due to drunk drivers and all governments are taking steps to crack down on that. Legalizing marijuana could certainly mean more impaired drivers, which no one wants," he said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

POLITICS

PM to create youth council

Justin Trudeau is asking youths ages 16 to 24 to help shape the future of Canadian policy.

Trudeau unveiled his plans for Prime Minister's Youth Council on Twitter Tuesday in a live question-and-answer session.

"I'm looking forward to showing young people and showing all Canadians that young people's voices and input matter deeply," he said in a video posted on Twitter ahead of the Q&A session.

The non-partisan council, Trudeau's own initiative, will provide input on national issues such as employment, education and climate change. The council will meet with the prime minister in person in October, and again in 2017.

"You can expect that #pmyouthcouncil will be driven by youth themselves, and will cover issues that you say matter," Trudeau said on Twitter.

Online applications begin Friday, and close on August 12. Trudeau said members will be selected for their community involvement and leadership experience, amongst other criteria. Members can serve up to a two-year term, and can expect to spend about 10-20 hours a month on council-related activities.

Meetings will be held across the country and participants will be compensated for their time, and travel expenses.

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Delegates hold signs and celebrate during the second day of the Republican National Convention on Tuesday in Cleveland, Ohio. The convention nominated Donald Trump as their presidential standard-bearer. GETTY IMAGES

Trump nominated amid plagiarism controversy

U.S. ELECTION

Campaign insists there's no evidence of misconduct

The plagiarism accusations centre on Monday night's well-received speech by Republican nominee Donald Trump's wife, Melania Trump. Two passages — each 30 words or longer — matched a 2008 Democratic convention address by Michelle Obama nearly word-for-word.

Trump's campaign managed only to keep the controversy alive on Day 2 of the convention by insisting there was no evidence of plagiarism, while offering no explanation for how the strikingly similar passages wound up in Mrs. Trump's address. The matter consumed news coverage from Cleveland, obscuring Mrs. Trump's broader effort to show her husband's softer side.

Passages of Melania Trump's speech matched a 2008 speech by Michelle Obama nearly word for word. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Democrat Hillary Clinton pounced on the tumult, saying the Republican gathering had so far been "surreal," comparing it to the classic fantasy film Wizard of Oz.

"When you pull back the curtain, it was just Donald Trump with nothing to offer to the American people," Clinton said.

Top Trump adviser Paul Manafort said the matter had been "totally blown out of proportion."

"They're not even sentences. They're literally phrases. I was impressed somebody did their homework to think that that could be possibly done," Manafort said.

In the midst of the plagiarism allegations, Republicans officially nominated Trump as their presidential standard-bearer, capping the billionaire businessman's stunning takeover of the GOP and propelling him into a November faceoff with Democrat Hillary Clinton.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oh noro, not now

Health officials Tuesday said 11 members of the planning team for the California delegation to the Republican convention were recovering from a bout of norovirus, or what's known as stomach flu. No delegates appeared to be affected. The symptoms, which can include vomiting and diarrhea, were first reported Thursday as logistics members arrived at a hotel about an hour west of Cleveland, said Pete Schade, Erie County health commissioner. Those who got sick are isolated in their rooms, Schade said, and the Ohio Health Department is trying to identify the source.

DAY 2

Gun held to protest 'fascist policies'

STEVEN GOETZ METRO'S REPORTER IN CLEVELAND

All day Tuesday, media swarmed around Micah Naziri, who openly carried an AR-15 assault rifle through the streets.

Naziri said he came to town from his home in Yellow Springs, Ohio, "to protest and oppose Donald Trump's proposed fascist policies."

"The message I want to send is that if anyone attempts to unconstitutionally and illegally create a fascist police state in the United States, they will be resisted," Naziri said.

While Naziri answered Metro's question, another man badgered him over his head covering, asking if he was a Muslim. Naziri smiled and calmly refused to answer, insisting it was a distraction from the purpose of his protest.

He compared Trump's campaign to Adolf Hitler's in 1932: "His rhetoric was very much like Trump's and in the beginning no one took him seriously.

"There are such large numbers of Trump supporters saying awful things about depriving large groups of people of their constitutional and human rights," he said. "This is something that should be bothering anyone who believes in freedom."

Micah Naziri says if anyone attempts to create a fascist police state in the U.S., "they will be resisted." STEVEN GOETZ/FOR METRO

ATTEMPTED COUP

Thousands lose jobs in Turkey

Asserting that "all the evidence" points to a U.S.-based Muslim cleric as the mastermind of last week's failed coup, Turkey's government on Tuesday fired tens of thousands of teachers, university deans and others accused of ties to the plot and demanded the cleric's extradition.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan raised the issue in a phone call with U.S. President Barack Obama, and his spokesman said the government was preparing a formal extradition request for the cleric, Fethullah Gulen. But he also suggested that the U.S. government shouldn't require the facts before extraditing him.

"A person of this kind can easily be extradited on grounds of suspicion," said the spokesman, Ibrahim Kalin. "And there is very strong suspicion for his involvement, for Gulen's involvement, in this coup attempt. So this is sufficient ground."

Later, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said that Turkey had submitted materials related to Gulen and the administration was reviewing whether they amounted to a formal extradition request. Earnest added that a decision on whether to extradite would be made under a long-standing treaty between the two countries, and wouldn't be made by Obama.

Gulen has strongly denied the government's charges, suggesting that Friday's attempted coup could have been staged as a pretext for the Erdogan government to seize even more power.

Asked about the scale of the purges, U.S. State Department spokesman Mark Toner cautioned Turkish authorities not to overreach. "The types of arrests and roundups that you cite have not gone unnoticed by us," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GERMANY

Train attacker vowed 'revenge' on 'infidels'

A 17-year-old Afghan asylum-seeker vowing "revenge on these infidels" went on an axe-and-knife rampage on a train in southern Germany, wounding five people before being shot and killed by police — an attack that German authorities conceded Tuesday was almost impossible to prevent. Daesh claimed responsibility for the Monday night train attack.

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SOFTWARE

BlackBerry selected for U.S. crisis system

BlackBerry says it has received a multimillion-dollar order for secure software that would used in the U.S. Capitol complex in times of crisis.

The order was awarded by the U.S. Senate Sergeant at Arms Office in Washington, D.C.

BlackBerry says its AtHoc system will be fully implemented for the Capitol complex over the coming months.

The company didn't say how many millions of dollars the Senate contract will be worth over five years.

Once running, the system will provide secure notification and communication for up to 50,000 individuals at the complex.

BlackBerry chief executive John Chen has positioned BlackBerry to get more of its revenue from software sales — rather than its handsets, which have lost most of their market share to Apple iPhones and Samsung Galaxy smartphones.

BlackBerry also announced that its AtHoc division will extend the capability of the U.S. Coast Guard's warning system to allow staff members in the National Capitol Region to receive and respond to emergency alerts through their computers.

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Chief executive John Chen has positioned BlackBerry to get more of its revenue from software sales — rather than its handsets. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Laid-off Canadians go back to school

The goal of the paper was to look at how people respond after losing their job, or even when they anticipate a possible layoff. ISTOCK

STATISTICS CANADA STUDY

Workers who lost jobs in 2008 far more likely to enrol

A new Statistics Canada study says there are significant correlations between job layoffs and full-time enrolment in post-secondary education.

To illustrate its findings, the report released Tuesday said men who lost their jobs in 2008 — at the start of the recession — were five times more likely to register for post-secondary education than those who weren't laid off.

The research found 3.1 per cent of men who lost their jobs that year went back to school on a full-time basis. In contrast, only 0.6 per cent of men who didn't lose their jobs between 2001 and 2011 enrolled in full-time, post-secondary schooling.

Among women laid off in 2008, 3.1 per cent of them enrolled full time in a post-secondary institution, compared with one per cent of women who didn't lose their jobs between 2001 and 2011.

The goal of the paper was to take a closer look at how people respond after losing their job, or even when they anticipate a possible layoff.

"The substantial increases in full-time enrolment … suggest that adult workers respond to job loss by enrolling full time in (post-secondary) institutions," said the report.

The study also found that, in general, workers laid off between 2001 to 2011 were two to four percentage points more likely than other workers to go to school. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PRE-EMPTIVE

The study found correlations between layoffs and full-time post-secondary education, starting two years before a job loss and the two years that followed a job loss, suggesting some workers concerned about the future of their positions may pre-emptively enrol in post-secondary institutions as a precaution.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD ON MELANIA'S PERFORMANCE

Spousal speeches are intended to humanize candidates. But Donald Trump is committed to a singular, flat caricature. Depth is the antithesis. Humanizing him is the exact opposite of the goal.

It was either 24 hours of a hot Melania mess, or one more checked box for the Trump campaign.

Either Melania Trump has been humiliated after her Republican convention speech echoed, at times word for word, sections of Michelle Obama's historic 2008 endorsement of her husband, or her speech had more in common with My Little Pony (according to a Republican party strategist) and, anyway, she "hit it out of the park," according to Trump's chief campaign strategist, who may or may not have been responsible for the speech.

Plagiarism allegations aside, Melania Trump offered a relatively flawless execution. Pundits and news outlets politely did not mention the occasional misuse of English. Many seemed careful — if not keen — to help Melania save face for mispronunciations she can't help, while giving a speech she was loath to make.

Nothing's gained from pointing out a few misplaced S's, they calculated. But then again, many pundits suggested nearly nothing at all was gained from the speech. It floated along with empty phrases ("he loves this country so much"), instead of feeding the expectation that we might learn anything interesting or intimate at all about Melania or her husband.

Spousal speeches are intended to humanize candidates, like an exclusive interview with People magazine (You might be surprised to hear it, but Mr. Hotstuff simply hates kale!), and pundits weren't feeling they got enough tidbits about Trump's morning bed hair or that one special moment when the facade fell down and he seemed vulnerably human.

But that should not surprise us. As we learned again this week from Trump's The Art of the Deal ghostwriter, Tony Schwartz, Trump adores the strongman image. He's obsessed with the attention, and the myth. He's committed to a singular, flat caricature. Depth is the antithesis. Humanizing him is the exact opposite of the goal.

ACCORDING TO PLAN Melania Trump waves after addressing delegates as her husband, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, applauds during the Republican National Convention on Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's also doubtful that "Men for Trump" (an actual campaign button sported at the convention) need to see a human, anyways. The demonstrably false image of an omniscient, unimpeachable, and alpha male demagogue seems to be selling just fine.

But women are viewed differently. They are seen to need some kind of soft touch, and given Trump's abysmal polling among that half of Americans, Melania was also expected to help bring the ladies on board. This goal makes further sense given the "Women for Trump" event Monday, in which speakers were forced to ask themselves questions because the turnout was so low.

It may have worked. As reported by Julia Ioffe in Politico magazine, Republican women ate Melania right up. They loved the dress, they loved her "elegance." They hate Michelle Obama — insight that was offered without prompting from Ioffe — and were glad to think that, under Melania, "the White House will go back to what it used to be." Besides being beautiful, one cooed, "she's submissive to her husband." Their comments about an outspoken, inelegant Michelle were more subtle examples of the racism and xenophobia on display through the convention's first day, a hum of joyous anger where delegates treated various speakers' anti-immigrant and anti-Islam messages like scripture.

But the darkest atmosphere descended upon mention of one name: Hillary Clinton. It was a viscous sound. Deep and rumbling. Even across the airwaves into a Canadian apartment, it gave me chills. Imagine being hated that much, I thought. The crowd sounded bloodthirsty, as if, were Clinton to actually arrive, all hell literally could break loose. At its height, a mother of an American government staffer killed in the Benghazi attack whipped up calls for Clinton's imprisonment. And when the plagiarism accusations took over the news cycle Tuesday, it was Clinton who many blamed for seeding the story.

That, of course, is silly. But no Trump fan would mind. What the Melania-speech scandal shows is exactly what we should have learned by now: The narrative, not the truth, is what drives Donald Trump's presidency bid. A sexy, subservient and substanceless Melania suits the 1950s-white-America nostalgia of Trump's campaign just fine.

Clinton is a perfect target for their teeth-gnashing both because she advocates for all the progressive changes wrought since then, and also because she's strong-armed her way out of that traditional wifely role. The sexism that haunted her 2008 bid has gone nowhere. It's actually quite at home — even amplified — in Cleveland. There, hating her for Benghazi hit ludicrous heights, because she's doubly hated as a woman who's defied her traditional role.

This convention has already been dubbed a "horror show" of D-list celebrity speeches, failed insurrections and plagiarism. But that's by people who it was never meant to entertain.

The true unknown in this election is the size of the nominee's target market: those who are susceptible to Trump's messaging, to his persona, to his empty promises. This whole week will be about them.

And that's what makes it all so frighteningly grave.

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Bring home Canadian man trapped in Egypt

John Greyson | **Mohamed Fahmy** | **Tarek Loubani**

All three of us have spent substantial time in Egypt's most notorious prisons among thousands of people arbitrarily detained — activists, journalists and regular citizens, Egyptian and non-Egyptian. Tireless advocacy and political lobbying finally helped bring us home, but we left behind those who weren't as lucky.

One of those prisoners is Canadian permanent resident Khaled Al-Qazzaz, a philanthropist, educator, husband and father, whose wife and four children are all Canadian citizens, and who now faces life-threatening injuries as a result of his imprisonment. We believe that the Liberal government under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau can bring him and his family home.

Like many people who are arbitrarily detained, Khaled was not charged with a crime. He was arrested in 2013 and spent hundreds of days in solitary confinement. He was kept in the adjacent cell to Mohamed Fahmy, a journalist with Al Jazeera at the time. As Khaled will surely tell you, it's the sheer physical loneliness that's toughest to deal with, the feeling of being cut off from family and friends. He and Mohamed tried their best to console each other as they dealt with this feeling.

An international campaign, spearheaded by his wife, Sarah, and amplified by thousands of supporters, finally managed to force the Egyptians to release Khaled in late 2014. Khaled's children, excited to see their father after years apart, travelled with their mother to Egypt. The first priority: to get Khaled to a Canadian hospital, where he could finally be treated for a life-threatening spinal ailment acquired in prison.

The family finally got to the Cairo airport, hoping to fly to Canada together, only to be told by Egyptian officials that Khaled is on the country's no-fly list. Sarah and her kids can leave, but Khaled has to stay. Devastated, they all chose to remain in Cairo. The Egyptian authorities confiscated the money Sarah saved for her husband's spinal treatment, and even froze the family's business assets in Egypt, leaving them financially crippled.

We ask that Prime Minster Trudeau put himself in Khaled's position. What would he do? Would he choose to keep his family close and live under constant threat or would he choose to send his family back home and be cut off from them yet again?

The prime minister can end this nightmare by making a call to President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi. Yet the prime minister has delegated his responsibility to his junior ministers. Why? Releasing us did not hurt Canada-Egypt relations. Releasing Khaled won't either.

Trudeau has not brought Khaled home, though he has announced $30 million in grants to Egypt with millions more to come.

Khaled and his family can get home if our prime minister makes the call.

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All three were held in Egyptian jails without just cause.

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GENDER ISSUES

Females fighting for place on craft brewing scene

There's no doubt about it — the craft beer industry is booming. The number of licensed breweries in Canada has grown 70 per cent over the past five years. Craft beer sales in Ontario have more than doubled in the same timeframe. In B.C., sales have tripled.

However, even with the boom, there are few women working in the industry, particularly as brewers and in positions of leadership.

And, no, it's not because men drink all of the beer. Women account for 30 to 40 per cent of craft beer consumption. Plus, historically, beer was almost solely produced and sold by women. It wasn't until the Industrial Revolution, when financial opportunities were realized, that the industry shifted.

During a recent craft brewers' panel discussion, Ellen Bounsall, one of the founders of McAuslan Brewing in Montreal said only two women in Canada were involved in brewing when the craft beer industry started in the '80s.

And while there are no hard statistics about the number of women working in the industry in Canada today, it does appear to be slowly on the rise.

Erin Kloos, brewer at Grand River Brewing in Cambridge, Ont. says like in many professions, women have to work harder to break into the craft brewing industry. KATHERINE WISSENZ

CBC recently reported three female head brewers in B.C., of 120 craft breweries. Niagara College offers a brewing program where eight to 22 per cent of the students are female each year. So, while there are no longer just two female brewers in Canada, the industry is still male dominated.

"I think you have to acknowledge that there are disparities between men and women in the brewing world," says Erin Kloos, brewer at Grand River Brewing in Cambridge. "You see it everywhere in society, women have had to work harder to break into sports, politics, business and essentially every other field, so what would make the beer industry any different?"

Being a woman working in a "man's world" has its share of challenges. Kloos says she's gone to brew planning meetings where the immediate opinions are "to go light, fruity, figure-fitting and spritzy" when creating something for female consumers. "Most of the beer-drinking women I know, love and appreciate the darkest, hoppiest, booziest stuff we've got," she says.

However, the problems don't stop there. Female brewers have shared stories on everything from inappropriate jokes and sexual propositions to not receiving the same respect and acknowledgement in the workplace as their male counterparts.

Garnet Siddall, president of Side Launch Brewing in Collingwood and vice chair of Ontario Craft Brewers acknowledges there has been limited progress made so far. "The women that have joined have done so because they love the industry despite the issues in it," she says. "Any progress has come because of the individuals who have forged their way bravely into the mix. And they haven't always had a warm welcome."

Ken Beattie, executive director of the B.C. Craft Brewers Guild, which is run by an entire male board, declined to comment, but offered several names of B.C. female brewers.

However, the women working in the craft beer industry have recognized the need to support their peers and have created various groups and events to do so, such as International Women's Collaboration Brew Day, Barley's Angels and the Society of Beer Drinking Ladies.

The association of Ontario Craft Brewers is also developing a strategy to support women in the industry. "We need to address the issue, admit there is one and collect some basic data. We need a baseline from which to measure our progress," says Siddall.

"Then we need to figure out what the specific problems are. Marketing? Hiring? Education? Work environments? What exactly is it that is preventing women from entering the field that they created? Once that basic legwork is done then we can begin to address them.

"Very basic stuff, but we have to start somewhere."

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KLOOS' PICKS

- "I'm a huge fan of **Steamworks**, headed by Julia Hanlon out in Vancouver," says Kloos. "Not only for the awesome recipes she has developed, but also for the atmosphere in the brewery."
- "Nicole Hynes from **Sweetgrass Brewing** in Toronto is developing some delightfully current brews," says Kloos. She's also a fan of **Side Launch** and **Garrison Brewing Co.** in Halifax.

RECIPE

Keep your cool this summer with quick-cooking vermicelli

Your city keeps issuing heat alerts. You want something that won't heat up your tiny kitchen — filling, but light enough that it won't make you sleepier than the heat does.

This quick vermicelli dish is for you.

These thin noodles made from rice are a staple at Asian grocers, but large supermarkets stock them to appeal to the Asian population (as well as the gluten-free crowd).

The noodles come in different shapes, from the broad, flat noodle used in pho to the thin, hairlike strands used in stir frys. It's the latter that you want for this recipe.

These thin noodles take just a minute or two to cook when submerged in hot water, meaning minimal cooking time.

When tender, rinse the noodles under cold running water to stop the cooking process and turn them into a cold dish. Toss noodles in whatever vegetables you have, firm tofu cubes (seared or cold), fresh mint leaves to give it a cool herbal note, and a splash of sweet chili sauce for flavour.

Match the delicate texture of the rice noodles by shredding or slicing vegetables very thinly and by dicing the tofu into small cubes.

This way, every bite with have equal parts noodle, vegetable and protein rather than a big hunk of carrot with a few strands of vermicelli hanging off it.

Cold vermicelli with tofu and vegetables

Serves 1

Make this on a hot evening after a long day at work, or scale up the recipe and a colourful array of vegetables, proteins and herbs for a beautiful and tasty group meal.

You can toss this dinner together, no sweat. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ingredients:

- 1 handful dried thin rice noodles (vermicelli)
- 1 tsp (5 mL) olive oil
- 1 cup (250 mL) bite-sized firm tofu cubes
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) chopped green beans
- Sweet chili sauce, to taste
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) grated carrot
- 5 to 6 cherry or grape tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 avocado thinly sliced
- Fresh mint leaves, to garnish

Directions:

1. In a large heatproof bowl, submerge rice noodles in boiling water, swirling noodles until tender, about 1 minute. Drain and rinse under cold water, making sure strands don't stick together. Set aside.

2. In a medium skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Sauté tofu cubes and green beans until both start turning golden brown.

3. In a serving bowl, toss tofu and beans with noodles, chili sauce, carrot and tomatoes. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Top with avocado and mint. Serve immediately.

Alternative herbs: If fresh mint isn't available, try basil and cilantro as they match the Thai flavours of the sweet chili sauce. Just make sure to chop the herbs finely if the leaves are really big.

More topping ideas: Treat the noodles as a base and the rest is up to you. Opt for crunchy vegetables to contrast the texture of the soft noodles: grated raw beet, zucchini ribbons, chopped green onion, diced peppers. Peanuts and cashews also add crunch and a nuttiness that complements the sauce.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

With Trump, it's now too serious for jokes

THE SHOW: Late Show with Stephen Colbert, July 18, 2016 (CBS)
THE MOMENT: Jon Stewart's cameo

Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert polish off their old personas this week on the Late Show, but it doesn't hold up. CONTRIBUTED

Host Stephen Colbert knocks on the door of a remote cabin. A bearded Jon Stewart answers. "You will not believe who the Republican nominee is," Colbert says, as Stewart takes a sip of tea. "Trump."

Stewart's spit take hits Colbert's face. "The guy who filed for bankruptcy in '91?" He asks. "And '92, and 2004, and 2009? That guy?"

"Same guy," Colbert says. "The guy who looks like an angry creamsicle."

"Decomposing Jack O'Lantern," Stewart says.

Colbert nods. "The guy who said, and I quote, 'I have black guys counting my money. I hate it. The only guys I want counting my money are short guys that wear yamulkes all day.' So you can see why I'm here."

Stewart fetches Colbert's former persona from The Colbert Report. He does his own spit take at the word "Trump." After a commercial, Former Stephen enters the CBS studio on a gold chariot borne by buff, shirtless Uncle Sam's, and riffs on the word "Trumpiness."

It should be comforting to see Stewart and Colbert back in form. Instead, it made me feel slightly ill. Because day one of the U.S. Republican convention was a sickening affair, beginning with racial insults and ending with Melania Trump's plagiarized speech.

Stewart and Colbert's old personas don't hold up, because it feels too late for jokes now. The divide between the issues of the world and Trump's inadequacy to handle them is too serious.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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REVIEW

Already handsome sedan ups its game

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Some people will tell you midsize sedans don't sell anymore; that they're a dying breed pushed aside by the popularity of the crossover.

Those people are what I like to call "wrong." Sure, crossovers are a big deal these days, but midsize sedans are nothing to scoff at either, with close to three million sold in North America each year.

Which brings us to the 2016 Mazda6. It's not the newest midsize sedan on the market, but it may still hold the title as the best looking — and one of the best in the business.

It's rare that a design language translates so well to so many different forms, but Mazda has accomplished that with its current lineup. Park the 6 alongside any other model in Mazda's stable and the family ties are immediately evident. The few character lines the sedan does have tie in nicely with its muscular shoulders.

Little has been done to the exterior of Mazda's flagship sedan for 2016, save for a revised grille design, while cars in GT trim, like our tester, add LED headlights, fog lights and grille illumination, but the changes only add to the esthetic appeal of an already handsome sedan.

Of all the cars in the midsize segment, the Mazda6's interior, at least in GT trim, comes closest to encroaching on premium car territory. And it's inside where the most work has been done for this model year, with a host of changes made to improve the cabin's feel and function.

Mazda's Heads-Up Cockpit concept is executed to perfection here, with a driver-focused interior that puts all the controls well within view and reach. The in-dash infotainment screen has been replaced with a freestanding unit a la Audi and Mercedes-Benz, lowering the height of the dash, while the move to an electronic parking brake, a first for Mazda, cuts down on console clutter and makes room for what matters. And what matters is the new infotainment control knob, which proves easy to use while driving, though its functionality is wisely — though at times frustratingly — limited while the vehicle is in motion.

To describe the Mazda6's drive as engaging tells only part of the story. The chassis is nice and stiff and the suspension borders on sporty, but it's pliable enough to make for a comfortable ride.

The only engine available is a 2.5-litre four-cylinder, which is a bit disappointing considering what the 6 could be with a larger engine — and considering the class-leading Honda Accord is available with a V6 available under the hood.

Overall though, the Mazda6 Grand Touring hits all the marks that are sure to keep this segment rolling along for years to come.

THE CHECKLIST | 2016 MAZDA6

THE BASICS

Engine: 2.5L turbocharged four-cylinder
Power: 184 hp, 275 kg/m
Transmission: Six-speed manual;
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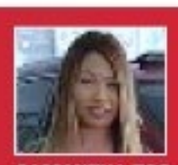

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Jaguar XF goes tornado chasing

Jaguar has teamed up with a U.S.-based tornado chaser, sending him into the thick of things with a new Jaguar XF. "Tornado Tim" Baker was given an XF for a late-season chase that led him on a 3,220-kilometre long expedition across seven different states until he eventually caught up with a category EF 0 (97 to 113 km/h winds) tornado, about two hours outside of Chicago. "It took us a while to track one down, but when the weather map delivered, the car did too," said Baker. "The navigation and in-car Wi-Fi, which allowed us to connect our multiple devices, worked brilliantly in the chase. The all-wheel-drive capability was also excellent as we travelled through rain and floods on loose gravel roads," he said.

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Workers may get robot glove

General Motors wants to be the first company to test a new robotic glove that should help factory workers assemble cars by reducing grip fatigue.
GM has licensed its RoboGlove technology to a Swedish medical technology company called Bioservo Technologies. The original RoboGlove, which was developed by GM and NASA, took nine years to create and was sent into space in 2011.

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BMW 13

'Spaghetti Car' as ridiculous as it sounds

BMW and longtime partner Toilet Paper have created the BMW i3 "Spaghetti Car." The German automaker was quick to clarify that the BMW i3 Spaghetti Car isn't an official BMW Art Car, and will be destroyed sometime after the Rencontres d'Arles Festival of Photography that runs until Sept. 25. Toilet Paper is a bi-annual avant-garde picture-based publication and brand created by artist Maurizio Cattelan, and together with Pierpaolo Ferrari, the BMW i3 Spaghetti Car was born.

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The San Francisco Giants have signed former Jays pitcher Kyle Drabek to a minor-league deal with the intention of auditioning him as a shortstop

5 STAR ATHLETES WHO COULD MISS OUT

Russia is facing a possible ban from next month's Olympics in Rio de Janeiro for its repeated doping scandals. If the ban is imposed, it would shake up the medal standings. Here are five Russian stars whose absences would be greatly felt:

1 Nataliya Ishchenko

With three Olympic and 19 world championship gold medals to her name, Ishchenko typifies Russia's total domination of synchronized swimming — it's won every Olympic event this century. If no Russians compete in Rio, China and Spain would fight for the two gold medals on offer.

2 Yelena Isinbayeva

The world record holder in the pole vault and a two-time Olympic gold medallist, Isinbayeva would compete at her fifth games in Rio, but she faces extra obstacles to get there. Russia's track and field team is already banned from the games due to widespread doping, and Isinbayeva's hopes rest on a successful appeal at the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

3 Aliya Mustafina

She led the Russian gymnastics team which narrowly failed to beat the U.S. to gold in the women's all-around in 2012 and also won individual gold in the uneven bars. While Mustafina has been plagued by injuries since, she bounced back with two European championship gold medals last month. Russia has arguably the world's richest tradition of excellence in gymnastics, and if its athletes aren't in Rio, the U.S. and China will benefit in the medal table.

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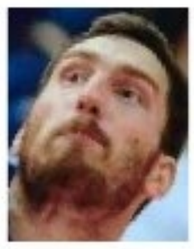
4 Yulia Efimova

One of the world's top breaststroke sprinters, Efimova spearheads the Russian swim team for Rio despite previous brushes with the anti-doping authorities. She bounced back from a drug ban to win 100-metre gold at last year's world championships in a fiercely competitive race with her longtime rival, Lithuanian teenager Ruta Meilutyte. Efimova missed four months this season after testing positive for meldonium.

5 Maxim Mikhaylov

Top scorer when Russia won the men's volleyball competition at London 2012, Mikhaylov would be a formidable opponent in Rio. Host nation Brazil had to settle for silver four years ago but is fired up for a gold medal in front of its home crowd.



SOCCER WHITECAPS DRAW WITH CRYSTAL PALACE
The Whitecaps' Erik Hurtado, left, and Damien Delaney of Crystal Palace vie for the ball during an international friendly at BC Place Stadium on Tuesday. Kendall Waston pulled the Whitecaps even with a 78th-minute goal in a 2-2 draw. David Edgar had Vancouver's other goal, while Fraizer Campbell scored twice for Palace, who play in the English Premier League. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

UFC

Lesnar has second doping sample fail

The UFC says heavyweight Brock Lesnar failed a second doping test in a sample taken on the night of his victory over Mark Hunt at UFC 200.

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency notified Lesnar last week about his first potential violation of the UFC's policy from an out-of-competition test last month.

The UFC says Lesnar tested positive for the same unnamed substance in both tests.

Lesnar declined to comment Tuesday on the UFC's disclosure of his second positive test.

Brock Lesnar
GETTY IMAGES

Lesnar, who is among the most popular athletes in both mixed martial arts and professional wrestling, beat Hunt by decision on July 9, handily winning his first MMA fight in 4-1/2 years.

The 39-year-old made a UFC-record $2.5-million guaranteed purse at UFC 200, likely along with undisclosed millions in bonuses. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OLYMPICS

IOC reviews legal options on Russian ban

With just over two weeks until the opening ceremony, Russia still doesn't know whether its athletes — all or even some — will be competing in the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. It may all come down to the lawyers.

While the IOC decided Tuesday to ban from the Rio Games all Russian Sports Ministry officials and other administrators implicated in allegations of a state-run doping program, it delayed a ruling on whether to take the unprecedented step of barring the entire Russian Olympic team.

The International Olympic Committee said it "will explore the legal options with regard to a collective ban of all Russian athletes for the Olympic Games 2016 versus the rights to individual justice."

The IOC has also said it could let individual international sports federations decide on whether to ban Russians from their events in Rio, just as the IAAF has done by ruling track and field athletes from the Games. The 28 international federations that govern the individual sports at the summer games have made clear that they do not support a blanket ban.

The IOC's legal options may become clearer after Thursday, when the highest court in sports will rule on an appeal by 68 Russian track and field athletes seeking to overturn their ban from the Games.

Two-time Olympic pole vault champion Yelena Isinbayeva was among those arguing the Russian track and field team's case Tuesday in Geneva at the Court of Arbitration for Sport. Should the court rule Thursday in their favour, it would seemingly rule out the chance of the IOC imposing a blanket ban.

If the court upholds the IAAF's exclusion of the track athletes, however, that would keep the possibility of a total ban in play. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **The Olympic movement, which is a tremendous force for uniting humanity, once again could find itself on the brink of division.**
> Russian President Vladimir Putin

IN BRIEF

Canucks sign Pedan, Grenier to 2-way contracts
The Vancouver Canucks have signed defenceman Andrey Pedan and forward Alexandre Grenier to one-year, two-way contract extensions.

Pedan, 23, skated in 45 games for the AHL's Utica Comets, registering career-highs in games played, goals (seven), assists (14) and points (21). Grenier, 24, appeared in 69 games with the Comets last season, leading the team in both points (48) and assists (32) while tied for the third in goals (16). THE CANADIAN PRESS

Welterweights Condit, Maia moved to Vancouver
The welterweight bout between Demian Maia and Carlos Condit has been shifted from UFC 202 to the main event of the UFC show in Vancouver on Aug. 27.
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WWE sued over head injuries
More than 50 ex-wrestlers, including Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka, say in a Connecticut lawsuit that World Wrestling Entertainment Inc. is responsible for their long-term neurological damage and failed to care for their injuries. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RECIPE Salmon and Zucchini Skewers

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Rich, Asian flavours elevate this simple and healthy meal to something elegant enough to serve to guests.

Ready in
Prep time: 25 minutes
Total time: 35 minutes

Ingredients
- 1 tsp grated ginger
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2 Tbsp rice wine vinegar
- 1 Tbsp sesame oil
- 3 filets of salmon
- 2 or 3 small zucchinis

Directions

1. Soak wooden skewers in water for at least 20 minutes.

2. Whisk together the ginger, soy, vinegar and sesame oil. Place salmon filets in the marinade for 20 minutes

3. Remove the salmon from the marinade and cut the filets into chunks — maybe 1 x 2 inches — and set aside. Slice the zucchini into rings and toss in the marinade quickly. Thread the fish and veggies onto the wooden skewers.

4. Preheat your grill or grill pan to medium high and wipe the grill with oil. Place the skewers over the heat and give each side about three minutes before turning. Serve these skewers over steamed rice or a bed of greens.

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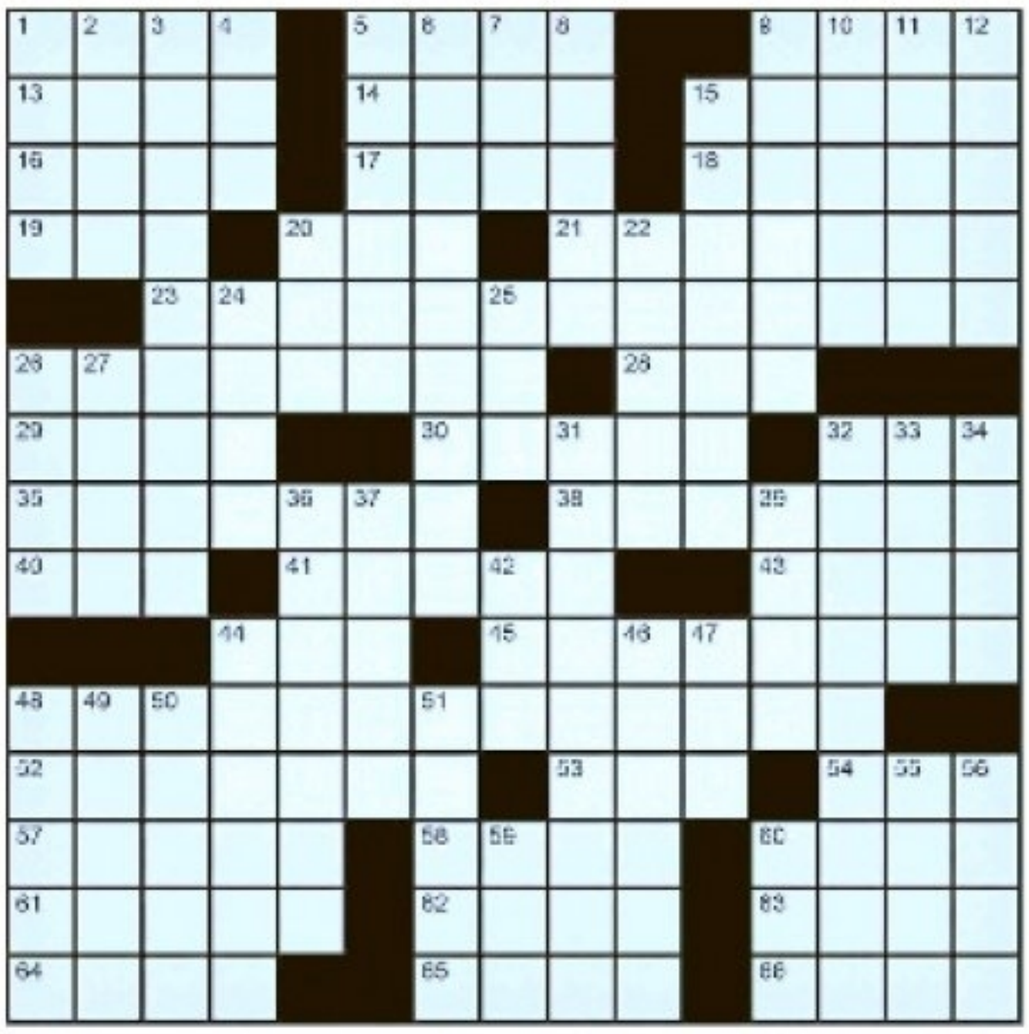

ACROSS
1. Medical concern
5. Brother of Cain and Abel
9. Caught the traffic officer's attention
13. Courts
14. British singer Ella
15. "Monte _" (2011) starring Selena Gomez
16. Cheerful song
17. _ Admiral
18. _ oil
19. Fox's characteristic
20. Wanna-_ (Aspirants)
21. One doing some spiffy-ing up
23. Professions of Johnny, Dutch and D'avin on the show at #45-Across: 2 wds.
26. Pantene and Selsun Blue field
28. Baseball great, "_ Wee" Reese
29. "Dancing Queen" band
30. Legendary Canadian heavy metal band
32. "Rubber Ball" singer Bobby
35. "La Strada" (1954) director Federico
38. Carnivore's completely carnivorous creation's content: 2 wds.
40. Football prop
41. Nobleman's home
43. "The '_ 'e knows above a bit..." - Rudyard Kipling
44. Gnarly!
45. Interplanetary adventure series on Canadian specialty channel Space
48. Sockeye or Chinook: 2 wds.
52. The Turtles title song lady
53. _-relief
54. Gremlin
57. Ashton's "That '70s Show" character
58. Irish actor Mr. Meaney
60. Danish shoe brand
61. Oxford University college
62. Inkling
63. Quebec 'lakes'
64. 7th Greek letters
65. Fewer
66. Emerald _

DOWN
1. Pointed tools
2. Spring
3. Religious read: 2 wds.
4. Superlative suffix
5. _ Joy (Former television evangelist character in Margaret Atwood novel The Handmaid's Tale)
6. Looking into a computer screen too long woe
7. 1708 Attilio Ariosti opera, Amor _ Nemici
8. Pulitzer-winning journalist Seymour
9. Military greeting
10. Cost
11. Young eel
12. Getting-things-done people
15. Rock singer/songwriter Chris (Soundgarden and Audioslave)
20. Tampa Bay footballer, for short
22. Iris centre
24. Toothbrush brand, _-B
25. Languish
26. Knife handle
27. Have _ _ in one's bonnet
31. Fluctuating factors
32. Kirstie Alley sitcom, "_ Closet"
33. Simple
34. Sherbrooke 'summers'
36. "How silly of me to believe you ...yet again!": 3 wds.
37. Rock bottom
39. Magic† spell
42. Sanctions, shortly
44. Washes
46. Certain cud-chewers
47. Initials-sharers of The Bionic Man's portrayer
48. Tea, Orange _
49. Aware
50. Salsa singer Ms. Cruz
51. Mr. B. DeMille
55. Gladiator's 1250
56. Model
59. Poetic tribute
60. Inventor Mr. Whitney

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a good day to discuss the care and education of children. It's also a good day to lay the groundwork for social or sports events.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You might see ways to make practical and beautiful improvements to where you live. What can you do to make your home run more efficiently and beautifully?

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Serious discussions with others will go well today. This is a good time to make plans for the future when talking to siblings, relatives and neighbors.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If shopping today, you might find things that are both practical and beautiful. Meanwhile, this is an excellent day for business and commerce, because you see secure ways of making money.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Today you are realistic about protecting what you own. If shopping for clothing you will buy practical, long-lasting and beautiful items.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you work alone or behind the scenes today, you will be amazed at your accomplishments. That's because you are goal-oriented and willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Listen to good advice from someone older or more experienced. In particular, this applies to discussions about the arts, the entertainment world and the hospitality industry.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will impress parents, bosses and people in authority with your ideas today. They see that you take your obligations seriously, and that you see many angles to things.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
It's easy to study today, because you want to learn something new. Furthermore, you will take your time to plow through something dry and tedious to get what you want.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is an excellent day to smooth troubled waters about inheritances or disputes about shared property. Both parties will see ways to arrive at a mutually beneficial agreement.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Sit down with a close friend or partner and discuss the obligations of the relationship. You can solve problems today; people understand what is realistic.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You can get a lot done at work today, because co-workers are cooperative. In addition, you will see practical ways to elegantly do things. Bravo!

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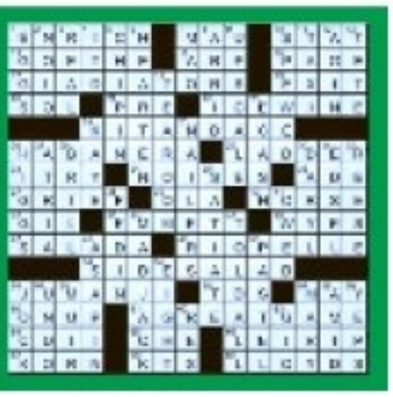

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